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Honorable Samuel J. Steiner  
Chapter 11  
*Ex Parte*

8 UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
9 AT SEATTLE

10 In re:

11 MERIDIAN MORTGAGE INVESTORS  
FUND II, LLC;  
12 MERIDIAN MORTGAGE INVESTORS  
FUND V, LLC;  
13 MERIDIAN MORTGAGE INVESTORS  
FUND VII, LLC;  
14 MERIDIAN MORTGAGE INVESTORS  
FUND VIII, LLC,

15 Debtors.  
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Case No. 10-17952 (Jointly  
Administered)

Case Nos: 10-17952; 10-17953; 10-  
17958; and 10-17976

EX PARTE APPLICATION FOR  
ORDER AUTHORIZING  
EMPLOYMENT OF K&L GATES LLP  
AS ATTORNEYS FOR TRUSTEE ON  
AN INTERIM BASIS

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18 Mark Calvert, the Trustee applies to the Court pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 327 for authority to  
19 employ K&L Gates, LLP ("K&L Gates") as attorneys for the Trustee on an interim basis subject to  
20 final confirmation on notice to all creditors.

21 In support of this application, the Trustee respectfully represents:

22 1. Four involuntary petitions were filed against each of the Debtors under Chapter 11 of  
23 Title 11 of the United States Code on July 9, 2010. An order approving jointly administered was  
24 entered on July 16, 2010.

25 2. Mark Calvert was appointed the Trustee on July 20, 2010.  
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1           3.       The Trustee has selected K&L Gates to represent it as counsel in this case and in all  
2 proceedings arising in the case.

3           4.       K&L Gates has considerable experience in matters of this character, and its attorneys  
4 are qualified to represent the Trustee in this case.

5           5.       The professional services that K&L Gates will render include the following:

- 6           a.       Assist the Trustee in the formation of a plan of reorganization  
7           b.       Assist the Trustee in the investigation of the financial affairs of the Debtor;  
8           c.       Legal advice with respect to the investigation and prosecution of claims  
9                   against various third parties, and any other matters relevant to the case or  
10                   relating to any distributions to creditors;  
11           e.       Prepare necessary pleadings in these proceedings; and  
12           f.       Perform all other legal services for the Trustee which may be necessary.

13          6.       K&L Gates will charge its usual hourly rates for any services rendered and will  
14 request reimbursement of costs and expenses incurred by them in representation of the Trustee. The  
15 following are likely to render the majority of legal services:

<u>Professional</u>		<u>Hourly Rate</u>	
Michael Gearin		\$	425
David Neu		\$	335
Kjrsten Swan	Paralegal	\$	150

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20          7.       Based on the concurrently filed Declaration of Michael Gearin, the Trustee believes  
21 that K&L Gates and its attorneys (a) do not hold or represent any interests adverse to the interest of  
22 the Trustee, and (b) are disinterested persons within the meaning of 11 U.S.C. §101.

23          8.       The Trustee seeks approval of the employment of K&L Gates on an interim basis.  
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